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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 24 February 2005, Applicants submit herewith replacement pages entitled Amendments to the Claims which replace pages 2 -12 of the Amendment originally filed on 1 December 2004. The Amendment and Response filed under cover of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on 1 December 2004 inadvertently used the status identifier "withdrawn - previously presented" for claims 27-32 and 36-39. Applicants have now correctly identified claims 27-32 and 36-39, with the identifier "withdrawn," thereby correcting the status identifiers.

However, Applicants are confused by the disposition of the claims and the Examiner's statement that "It is unclear if the claims have been withdrawn from consideration by Applicant." On 9 December 2002, Applicant confirmed the election of Group I, claims 1-20, 22-25, and 40-49, and respectfully requested withdrawal of the restriction requirement and rejoinder of the claims. The Examiner's Final Rejection of 17 March 2003 (Exhibit A) listed the pending claims as 1-49, and listed claims 21 and 26-39 as withdrawn. Applicants filed a Request for

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Continued Examination on 18 August 2003, and added claims 50-54. In response, the Examiner's non-final Office Action of 30 October 2003 (Exhibit B) listed the pending claims as 1-20, 22-25, and 40-49, and listed claims 50-54 as withdrawn. The Examiner was silent as to the status of claims 21 and 26-39. However, Applicants believed that claims 21 and 26-39 remained withdrawn by the Examiner. In the Amendment and Response of 27 January 2004, Applicants cancelled claims 21 and 50-54 and amended claims 26-39. In response, the Examiner's Final Rejection of 22 March 2004 (Exhibit C) listed claims 1-20, 22-25, and 40-49 as pending. The Examiner was again silent as to the status of claims 26-39; however, Applicants believed these claims remained withdrawn. If that is correct, Applicants continue to respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and rejoinder of the withdrawn claims. If that is incorrect, and these claims have been rejoined, Applicants request clarification.

Applicants would like to remind the Examiner of the telephone interview of 1 December 2004. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that she would consider rejoining the withdrawn claims. A summary of the Examiner's Interview is listed on page 13 of the Amendment and Response filed on 1 December 2004.

As noted in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(h), "Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of applicants document must be resubmitted." Therefore, Applicants believe the Amendment originally filed on 1 December 2004 is now complete.

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